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From: Weinhardt, Robert
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To: Rahimi, Alan
Subject: RE: One click Printing

Claim 1 is broader than I thought. There is no network details specifically claimed. Microsoft products like Word and Outlook have the little "printer" icon on the toolbar that prints with only one click. The underlying programming probably would at least send the document identifier to the print job handler which would then acquire and transfer the document to the printer for printing. Hopefully you can find info on this with a good date. This will work with claim 16 too in a 103, just grab a general teaching about plug-ins and develop a line of reasoning as to why it would have been obvious to write the known software in plug-in form.

The claims don't seem to be restrictable, it appears that claim 1 is just broader than claim 16.

If you haven't already, consider a 101 rejection on claim 16. A common definition of "plug-in" is merely software, not hardware, so claim 16 could be interpreted as code per se. See MPEP 2106 re. functional descriptive material.

Bob

-----Original Message-----

From: Rahimi, Alan
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Hi Bob:

Attached is the claims for the case we discussed. I also considered restricting the case to two groups. One for claims associated with claim 1 and the second group for claims associated with claim 16. Do you also think that claims are restrictable?

Thanks

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